

Director Bramlet: Director Bramlet reported on the progress of the Company rate case and the actions the Board of Directors should take to address issues in Illinois Commerce Commission docket No. 07-0357. These concerns relate to the Company's proposal to add the cost of five new personnel positions and five new vehicles outside of the parameters of the historical test year used in the Company's filing.

As background of the issues, the Company has been criticized for not yet expending these funds. The Commission Staff has submitted data requests that make inquiry into whether or not the Board has approved these expenditures and the specific timetable under which the Company will hire staff and purchase vehicles. The Company has stated its intent to expend these funds as soon as new rates are in effect, which the Company believes will be prior to May 2008. As reported by Mr. Horrall, two new employees have already been hired by Company to follow its operational plan. However, in an effort to add substance to the Company's assertions and to assure the Commission that the Company will abide by this commitment, the Board of Directors, upon motion being duly made and seconded,

RESOLVED, that the management of Mt. Carmel Public Utility Co. is hereby directed to take the following actions:

- 1) immediately develop all specifications necessary to order a new line truck, a new service truck, two small service trucks and a meter testing van. These vehicles are to be ordered and paid for prior to May 2008, and to;
- 2) establish job descriptions for, and hire, additional personnel for the planned hires proposed in the rate case of: three tree trimmer positions, one store room supervisor, and one gas utility person. Some of these positions may be filled by existing personnel through the bid process or by lateral movement, and any vacancies are to be

filled prior to May 2008, such that they represent an addition of five new employees to Company, (said five new hires to include the two employees already hired as part of the schedule.)

In addition, the Board has been made aware of data requests issued by the Commission Staff that make inquiry into the costs surrounding the Oak Street electric line construction project. It is also the desire of the Board of Directors to assure the Commission that this project will be completed with all appropriate haste. Following discussion and upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of MCPU herein directs the operating staff of MCPU to take all action necessary to complete the Oak Street electric line construction project so that it is in service and ~~used~~ and useful prior to May 2008.